

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jérôme Asius et al.

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For: IMPLANT FOR  
SUBCUTANEOUS OR  
INTRADERMAL INJECTION



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Examiner: C. Koh

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, line 33, replace "injection" with --injections--.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 16, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ron et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,597,897). With respect to each claim, the Examiner focuses on the properties of the microsphere. However, the present invention specifically recites the absence of any product of animal origin. (Page